ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A play list of audio recordings made in the past is searched for, and is displayed in the event that it exists. The contents that have already been recorded in the past are displayed with the word "recorded" affixed thereto in a manner corresponding with the track Nos. of the CD, and are further displayed with a number such as "2" affixed thereto in the event that the contents have been recorded twice in the past, for example. Further, in the event that play lists exist, a dialog box prompting selection of a play list is displayed, so the user can select between audio recording by adding the new contents to an already-existing play list or audio recording by creating a new play list. Thus, the contents recorded in the past are automatically searched, and the user is presented with a display thereof.